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for a number of slips in the use of "infra" and "supra" in footnotes. These slips are not confusing; one merely wonders why the expressions are used at all.

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HOUGH, B. OLNEY. *Ocean Traffic and Trade*. Pp. vi, 432. Price, \$3.00. Chicago: La Salle Extension University, 1914.

Mr. Hough, who is the editor of the *American Exporter*, has in this volume aimed to produce a text-book on the organization of practical ocean shipping and foreign trade. The scope of the book is consequently so wide that many phases of ocean transportation are treated very briefly. Thus the chapters on Ocean Carriers, Tonnage Measurement, Ocean Routes, Mercantile Marine Policy and Public Regulation are brief, and the chapter on Ocean Freight Rates, although it contains much practical information, does not describe the forces which determine and the principles which underlie rates.

Mr. Hough's discussion of the methods of conducting foreign trade, on the contrary, constitutes an addition to the literature on that highly important subject. Particular attention is called to the chapters dealing with Handling Export and Import Shipments, Handling Small Export Shipments, Getting Foreign Business, Developing Export Trade, and Foreign Credits and Collections. These chapters on foreign trade methods may be profitably read in connection with an earlier volume entitled *Elementary Lessons in Exporting* which was written by the same author. No phase of commercial organization is more important, for the development of export markets for American manufacturers has become a national problem. The chapter on Marine Insurance is also an excellent one which may be read with profit by anyone interested in that phase of shipping.

### LABOR PROBLEMS

PRICE, GEORGE M. *The Modern Factory*. Pp. xx, 574. Price, \$4.00. New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 1914.

Since there are some six million persons working in industrial establishments in the United States, Doctor Price thinks that the modern factory is a paramount economic force in the life of our nation. Consequently questions of safety, sanitation and welfare within work-places, and the legal steps necessary to improve factory conditions are among the vital problems of the present day.

With this in mind, the author traces the rise, growth and influence of the factory, discusses the cause of factory fires and their prevention, deals with industrial accidents and treats the subject of factory environment in its various phases of lighting, sanitation and ventilation. The effect of wage work on physical well-being is brought out in chapters upon industrial poisons, gases and fumes, and the dangers of dusty trades. The trend that factory legislation and inspection ought to take is also considered.

From the foregoing it can easily be seen that the book is a comprehensive piece of work. Although it covers a wide range of topics no one of them has been slighted. The experience of the author has fitted him admirably to write